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Stories from the California Home Visiting Program

CHVP celebrates: 100,000th Home Visit

Smiles, appreciation and congratulations spread across the state earlier this year, as the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) reached its 100,000th home visit—a milestone for the program that started in 2012 and now includes 25 sites.

Jaime Baculpo, a public health nurse with Contra Costa County's Nurse-Family Partnership since the program's inception, conducted the celebratory visit with CHVP staff in tow in summer 2016 at the home of her participant, Danielle.

Danielle enrolled in the voluntary home visiting program during her pregnancy to gain "insight on becoming a mother." Her daughter was almost 2 years old at the time of the special 100,000th visit.

"My daughter is a happy baby and without getting the knowledge that I get from Jaime and the program, it would probably be a different story," Danielle said.

Jaime helped Danielle deal with postpartum depression and has also offered encouragement and education in a number of areas, such as breastfeeding, nutrition and resources for returning to school.

What is Home Visiting?

Home visiting is a voluntary program that pairs pregnant and newly parenting women with a nurse or trained professional who makes regular visits in the participant's home to provide guidance, support and access to prenatal care and other health and social services. It is a preventive intervention focused on promoting positive parenting and child development, with the ultimate goal of strengthening families and communities.



CHVP's 100,000th home visit took place at the home of Danielle, left, with her home visitor Jaime Baculpo, a public health nurse in Contra Costa County.

The home visitor described the progress she's seen in Danielle, who is "amazing and a great mom," and also discussed the strengths of the program.

"I do believe when they have a nurse that comes in consistently—we're showing up, listening, helping, guiding, teaching, answering questions—it's really establishing that therapeutic relationship that they may not get from anybody else," Jaime said.

Dawn Dailey, Contra Costa County's Public Health Nurse Program Manager, knows there are many tangible benefits of home visiting, such as coordinating care and augmenting the health care system.

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But she also acknowledges the not-so-tangible moments between home visitor and participant, such as role modeling and realizing potential.

"I've been on home visits where the client said she wants to be a nurse because of what she sees her home visitor nurses doing," Dawn said. "So it's also the connection, the relationship, the role modeling that triggers clients to think about new ways of framing their hopes and dreams and goals that they want to attain because of this amazing time that they get to spend with their nurses."

At CHVP headquarters in Sacramento, with staff gathered around to acknowledge the milestone,



CHVP's 100,000th visit took place in Contra Costa County, where Dawn Dailey, left, serves as Public Health Nurse Manager and Jaime Baculpo is a nurse and home visitor.

Kristen Rogers, Ph.D. and chief of the Maternal and Infant Health Branch and CHVP, said, "We celebrate 100,000 home visits with all of our NFP and HFA sites who are providing such a valuable service to literally thousands and thousands of vulnerable families in California. It is an honor to be part of such an outstanding program and we thank and congratulate all of the family service providers we are fortunate to work with throughout the state. Here's to the next 100,000 home visits!"



CHVP staff, left, gathered earlier this year to acknowledge the milestone home visit and sent an e-Thank You card, above, to hundreds of home visitors throughout the state.



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